

**TRADE  
AND  
INDUS-  
TRIES**

901. The following is the abstract showing the maximum, minimum and the average index numbers during the year for the several places.

| Name of the place |                    | Maximum | Minimum | Average |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1.                | Bangalore City ... | 324.7   | 300.7   | 312.6   |
| 2.                | K. G. F. ...       | 370.1   | 335.7   | 344.0   |
| 3.                | Mysore ...         | 314.8   | 291.2   | 301.9   |
| 4.                | Bellary ...        | 370.4   | 319.3   | 340.9   |
| 5.                | Bhadravati ...     | 356.1   | 298.0   | 310.6   |
| 6.                | Davangere ...      | 346.5   | 317.0   | 329.1   |
| 7.                | Harihar ...        | 330.5   | 296.8   | 323.5   |
| 8.                | Mandya ...         | 310.2   | 296.4   | 305.5   |
| 9.                | Hassan ...         | 317.6   | 272.0   | 297.1   |

**Propaganda  
and  
Publicity.**

902. The Mysore Labour Gazette was compiled in English, Kannada and Tamil for publication every month from 1st April 1955 to 6th August 1955 when the establishment with the work was transferred to the office of the Principal Information Officer.

903. As a part of the programme of publicity and propaganda, the Department participated in the Dasara Exhibition at Mysore and exhibited charts, posters, models etc., bearing on labour statistics, labour welfare, safety and welfare measures.

**Labour  
Welfare  
Centres.**

904. The Department is running two labour welfare centres in the working class areas in Bangalore City. Facilities for recreation, reading room, sports, gymnasium, library, indoor games etc., were provided to the labourers.

905. A grant-in-aid of Rs. 100 p.m. to each was given to the Seva Ashram, Srirampuram and the Labourers Fellowship Settlement, Seshadripuram, Bangalore, which impart education to the children of labourers free of cost and afford facilities like reading room, library, sports, etc., for the benefit of the children of labourers.

**(vii) Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.**

906. There were 55 cases pending disposal in the courts of the Commissioners for workmen's compensation at the beginning of the year. The number of cases filed in respect of both industrial accidents and occupational diseases were 4,507, of which 90 related to fatal accidents, 375 to permanent disablement cases and 4,042 to temporary

disablement cases. The total number of cases for disposal during the year were 4,563 including the cases pending at the commencement of the year and one case received for disposal from the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, Andhra State. Of these, 4,481 cases were disposed of.

907. The average amount of compensation paid during the year in respect of each fatal accident was Rs. 1,885.4, permanent disablement was Rs. 1,144.6 and temporary disablement was Rs. 23.4, respectively.

### (viii) Rural Industrialisation.

908. There were 401 Group Committees-cum-Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies organised on the basis of one for each Revenue Hobli. These societies enrolled 40,593 (57,212) share-holders collecting a sum of Rs. 8.31 lakhs (Rs. 11.70 lakhs).

909. A sum of Rs. 8.29 lakhs was paid as sub-vention to the Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies towards the maintenance of those Societies. The Societies have spent a sum of Rs. 3,29,218 for payment of honorarium, contingency rent and for miscellaneous expenditure during the year.

910. These Group Committees conducted two meetings every month at their Hobli-quarters, one for business transaction and the other for propaganda work.

911. The Departmental Officers and Revenue Officers have conducted 3,175 meetings throughout the State at the circle villages and advised the rural folk to increase their productive capacity and their income by starting fresh remunerative Small Scale and Cottage Industries in the villages.

912. The Rural Industrial Financing Bank, organised under the Scheme for providing credit facilities to the industrialists in need of financial aid to start or expand their industries, continued to work during the year with an additional capital of Rs. 12 lakhs raising the total investment of capital to Rs. 42 lakhs.

913. Loans amounting to Rs. 17,11,218 were granted to several kinds of rural industries during the year. Sanction was accorded for providing financial assistance without